

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to Parcel 17 is consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 781 of the Acts and Resolves of 1972 with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

1. Deleting, on Page 14 under the heading "Table A: Land Use and Building Requirements" opposite reuse parcel number "17a,b," the words "Residential-upper floors, Commercial-ground floor (1)," and inserting in place thereof the following words: "-Offices, Recreation Building".
2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
3. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
4. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHN7207.1, circular dated June 3, 1970.
5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.



MEMORANDUM

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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: Robert T. Kenney, Director

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
Proclaimer of Minor Modification of the Urban Renewal Plan
Parcel 17

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority (1) reaffirm a minor modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, with respect to Parcel 17, and (2) authorize the Director to proclaim by certificate, this minor modification.

Parcel 17 is located at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Columbus Avenue in the South End Urban Renewal Area and was finally designated to United South End Settlements (USES) for the construction of a community service center on June 4, 1970.

The Authority also voted a minor modification at the June 4, 1970 Board Meeting which changed the permitted use of Parcel 17 from "Residential/Commercial" to "Offices, Recreation Building". In order to conform with present HUD policy on minor modifications, it is necessary to reaffirm this plan change and proclaim the change by certificate.

Therefore, it is recommended that the minor modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan changing the permitted use of Parcel 17 from "Residential/Commercial" to "Offices, Recreation Building" noted by the Authority on June 4, 1970 be reaffirmed and that the Director is authorized to proclaim this minor modification by certificate.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

